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Title:	Method and Apparatus for Sorting Products by Features		
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COMMENTS TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

In the Examiner's reasons for allowance, the Examiner states that:

in addition to including the steps of receiving product related data from the user via a data processing system and providing identified products to the user for display by the data processing system, also comprises identifying products stored in a memory based on two different types, (A) and (B), of product identification, wherein the memory stores product configuration information for multiple products, the product configuration information includes product features, and the two different types of product information comprise: (A) searching for products in the memory based on product features included in the product related data if the product related data represents the one or more product features; and identifying one or more products stored in the memory that each include the one or more features, if the product related data represents the one or more product features; and (B) identifying one or more products stored in the memory that are identified by a product model identifier, if the product related data represents the product model identifier.

Page 4 of the Notice of Allowance, first paragraph does not contain an exact quote from the claims when characterizing the invention. Applicants respectfully submit that the invention is defined by the claims and respectfully submit that claim 75 of the present invention is allowable over the art of record, alone or in combination, because the art of record fails to teach or suggest:

75. A computer system to provide one or more product selections to a user in accordance with product related data provided by the user, the computer system comprising:

a processor coupled to the memory and the database;

a memory, coupled to the processor, storing product configuration information for multiple products, wherein the product configuration information includes product features and the memory further comprises code stored therein and executable by the processor to:

receive the product related data from the user via a data processing system;

identify products stored in the memory based on two different types, (A) and (B), of product identification, wherein the code to identify products based on the two different types of product identification comprises code executable by the processor to:

(A) search for products based on product features included in the product related data, if the product related data represents the one or more product features; and

identify one or more products stored in the memory that each include the one or more features, if the product related data represents the one or more product features; and

(B) identify one or more products stored in the memory that are identified by a product model identifier, if the product related data represents the product model identifier; and

provide identified products to the user for display by the data processing system of the user.

Additionally, the remaining claims are allowable over the art of record, alone or in combination, because the art of record fails to teach or suggest the invention as set forth and recited in the remaining claims.

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Also, in the Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner states that the "Examiner has verified that Provisional Application 60/176,117 provides support for the essential elements of the current independent claims." Reasons for Allowance, p. 4, second paragraph. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's foregoing statement should <u>not</u> be construed as meaning that Provisional Application 60/176,117 <u>only</u> provides support for the "essential elements" of the current independent claims." In other words, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's foregoing statement should <u>not</u> be construed as meaning that Provisional Application 60/176,117 does not provide support for all of the elements of the current independent claims or of all of the elements of the current dependent claims.

<u>CONCLUSION</u>

If the Examiner disagrees with Applicants' remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to notify Applicants of any such disagreement.

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